

1. Purpose

To formally recognize the outstanding achievements, contributions, leadership, stewardship and accomplishments of those individuals/teams who have participated in the development and promotion of ringette in Manitoba in the outlined categories.

2. Nomination

Nomination for awards can be made by anyone, but must be supported by the nominees local association president, and a letter of recommendation from a member of the community. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Ringette Manitoba website, they must be completed in full and forwarded by the date determined annually and indicated on the forms. No late submissions will be accepted.

As much information as possible should be included. A summary of ringette career, positions held, duration, awards, records, and other major achievements.; a breakdown of provincial, national and international involvement.

3. Awards/Recognition

3.1 Hall of Fame

Inductees shall be nominated to the Hall of Fame in one of the following categories:

a) Builder

- i. Nominees shall have a minimum of six (6) years as a volunteer in the sport of ringette;
- ii. Nominees shall have made an outstanding contribution to ringette in Manitoba at the Provincial level in one of more of the following:
 - Growth and development;
 - Promotion;
 - Coaching and Officials
 - Administration
- iii. Nominees shall be or have been involved in athlete recruitment, coaching, officials, fundraising, hosting special events, association management and/or development of new programs and initiatives.
- iv. The Board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to Ringette in Manitoba and may not meet the requirements above, upon recommendation of the committee. The staff of Ringette Manitoba shall be eligible.

b) Team

- i. Teams eligible to be considered for this category are limited to teams that have competed as Manitoba's representatives at a National level or equivalent.

- ii. Teams eligible to be considered must have proven success at Ringette Manitoba or Ringette Canada sanctioned competitions.
 - iii. Teams eligible must have demonstrated the True Sport principles.
 - iv. The board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those teams that have made a significant contribution to ringette in Manitoba and may not meet the above requirement, upon recommendation of the committee.
- c) Athlete
- i. Nominees shall have a minimum of five (5) years consecutive participation at the high performance level.
 - ii. Nominees shall have a minimum of ten (10) years playing experience.
 - iii. Nominees shall have exhibited the highest standards of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play and displayed leadership qualities both on and off the ice.
 - iv. The board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Manitoba and may not meet the requirements above, upon recommendation of the committee.
- d) Coach Category
- i. Nominees shall have a minimum of ten (10) years experience as a certified ringette coach.
 - ii. Nominees shall have displayed excellent communication with, and respect for, other coaches, officials, athletes and parents.
 - iii. Nominees shall have exhibited leadership qualities in the coaching program.
 - iv. Nominees shall have contributed to the growth and development of the coaching program at the national, provincial, and/or community level by serving as a coach developer, or committee member.
 - v. The board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Manitoba and may not meet the requirements above, upon recommendation of the committee.
- e) Official Category
- i. Nominees shall have a minimum of five (5) years officiating experience at a Provincial level.
 - ii. Nominees shall have achieved a certification of Level 3 or higher during their officiating career.
 - iii. Nominees shall have a minimum of ten (10) years experience officiating the sport of ringette.
 - iv. Nominees shall have contributed to the growth and development of the officiating program at the national, provincial, and community level by serving as a referee in chief, an instructor, evaluator or committee member.
 - v. Nominees shall have exhibited leadership qualities in the officiating program and have displayed respect for coaches, athletes and other officials.

- vi. The board shall have the right to determine eligibility for those individuals who made a significant contribution to ringette in Manitoba and may not meet the requirements above, upon recommendation of the committee.

3.2 Volunteer of the Year

- a) Nominees must have made a significant contribution to ringette in Manitoba during the season of nomination.
- b) Nominees should have promoted the philosophy of ringette. This could be through promoting the sport, initiating a dynamic new program, chairing a host committee, or developing policy for the association.
- c) One individual will be selected for this award annually.

3.3 Coach of the Year

- a) Nominees must have been an active certified ringette coach for a minimum of three (3) years.
- b) Nominees must display an excellent rapport with players, parents, opponents and officials, and embody ringette's philosophy of teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship.
- c) Nominees shall have a proven capacity to improve their team/individual athletes performance.
- d) Nominees must be fully certified for the level of team they are coaching.
- e) Individuals are not eligible to receive this award more than once in their coaching career.
- f) Nominations will not be accepted for coaching teams. Individual nominations only.

3.4 Children's Ringette Coach of the Year

- a) Nominees must have been an active certified ringette coach in the season they are being nominated.
- b) Nominees must be coaching in the R4U or U10 age group, and have completed the coaching requirements for their level.
- c) Nominees must display an excellent rapport with players, parents, opponents and officials, and embody ringette's philosophy of teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship.
- d) Nominees must have shown the ability to engage all players and guide them in their development.
- e) Individuals are not eligible to receive this award more than once in their coaching career.
- f) Nominations will not be accepted for coaching teams. Individual nominations only.

3.5 Official of the Year

- a) Nominees must have been a certified ringette official for a minimum of three (3) years.
- b) Nominees must be actively involved in officiating at Ringette Manitoba or Ringette Canada sanctioned events.
- c) The nominee must display:
 - i. A solid understanding of the rules.
 - ii. Consistent and fair rule application during games and from game to game.
 - iii. A professional attitude when dealing with players, team staff members, spectators and fellow officials.
 - iv. Appropriate manner that best represents all officials both on and off the ice.

4. Scholarship and Bursary

Applications for scholarship and bursary can be made by anyone who meets the criteria. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Ringette Manitoba website, they must be completed in full and forwarded by the date determined annually and indicated on the forms. No late submissions will be accepted.

4.1 Bursary

- a) Ringette Manitoba will award three (3) bursaries of \$500.00 each, one at U19 AA, one at U19 A and one at U19 B for players completing their 3rd year of U19, entering any year of their chosen post secondary education. U19 players who choose to play open during their third year of U19 will not be considered.
- b) Criteria:
 - i. Must have been registered as an active player with Ringette Manitoba for the last five (5) consecutive years.
 - ii. Must be a player in the 3rd year of U19 AA, A or B.
 - iii. Must meet admission standards of post secondary schooling specified and provide confirmation of acceptance to post secondary schooling.
 - iv. The candidate must have actively participated in Ringette as a player and one other aspect of the Ringette program (instructor, bench staff, official, minor official, etc).
 - v. The candidate must indicate significance of ringette participation in their personal development.

4.2 Scholarship

- a) Recipients of the scholarship shall be recognized for their academic achievement in the final year of high school and their contribution to the sport of ringette. There will be two (2) scholarships awarded annually, at \$750.00 each. One will be awarded to a rural player and one to an urban player.
- b) Application for the scholarship may be made by any active ringette player who is graduating grade 12 and enrolled full time in a recognized Manitoba post secondary institution.

c) Criteria:

- i. The candidate must meet the admission standards and be enrolled full time in a recognized Manitoba post secondary institution and submit proof of registration.
- ii. The candidate must have actively participated in Ringette as a player and one other aspect of ringette. (instructor, official, team staff, minor official).
- iii. Candidate must indicate significance of ringette participation in their personal development.
- iv. Applicant will be responsible for providing a complete resume.
- v. Rating criteria will be based on the following:
 - Involvement of ringette in different capacities
 - Number of years involved in ringette
 - Scholastic standing
 - Community involvement
 - Extra Curricular activities
 - Benefits of ringette involvement

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RMB Board is responsible for review of this policy at least once every three years.*
